

--116. The method of claim 40, wherein said area of human skin is weakened by a lack of at least one of nutrients and hydration.--

--117. The method of claim 40, wherein said composition does not contain any cellular growth stimulating compound or factor.--

--118. The method of claim 65, wherein said composition consists essentially of water and water-soluble components.--

--119. The method of claim 65, wherein said area of human skin is weakened by a lack of at least one of nutrients and hydration.--

--120. The method of claim 65, wherein said composition does not contain any cellular growth stimulating compound or factor.--

--121. The method of claim 112, wherein said composition consists essentially of water and water-soluble components.--

--122. The method of claim 113, wherein said composition consists essentially of water and water-soluble components.--

--123. The method of claim 114, wherein said composition consists essentially of water and water-soluble components.--

--124. A method of cosmetic treatment, comprising contacting only an area of human skin whose integrity has not been breached by a wound with a composition comprising a complex nutrient medium comprising at least some amino acids, at least one vitamin, at least one organic component that promotes cell growth, and at least one inorganic salt, wherein said composition does not comprise a biological extract of animal or cellular origin, or a living nourishing substrate, and wherein said composition supports per se viable *in vitro* growth of human epidermal keratinocytes.--

--125. The method of claim 124, wherein said composition consists essentially of water and water-soluble components.--

--126. A method of cosmetic treatment, comprising contacting human skin that is weakened by a lack of at least one of nutrients and hydration with a composition that permits per se viable *in vitro* growth of human epidermal keratinocytes, wherein said composition does not comprise either a biological extract of animal or cellular origin, or a living nourishing substrate.--

--127. The method of claim 126, wherein said composition comprises at least some amino acids, at least one vitamin and at least one inorganic salt.--

--128. A method of cosmetic treatment, comprising contacting human skin with a composition that permits per se viable *in vitro* growth of human epidermal keratinocytes, wherein said composition does not comprise either a biological extract of animal or cellular origin, or a living nourishing substrate, and wherein said composition does not contain any cellular growth stimulating compound or factor.--

--129. The method of claim 128, wherein said composition comprises at least some amino acids, at least one vitamin and at least one inorganic salt.--

REMARKS

Claims 40, 41, 65, 66, 70-95 and 112-129 are pending. Claims 96-111 are canceled; claim 87 is amended; and claims 115-129 are added herein. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification as originally filed at, for example, page 2, lines 36-39, and page 7, line 37, to page 8, line 4.

Claims 77 and 96-111 are withdrawn pursuant to a Restriction Requirement. Claims 96-111 are canceled herein. Claim 77 should be rejoined when the process claim on which it depends is allowed.